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TAGS: CPRS ID (STARR, FRANK)

SUBJ: FRANK STARR CASE

REF: JAKARTA A-72 APRIL 13, 1973 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN JAKARTA WAS VISITED ON FEB 5 BY ANTON S. MAKHLOUF OF 6952 BACARRO, ONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90815. MAKHLOUF STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY A LOCAL ATTORNEY THAT GOI WAS PREPARED TO SETTLE STARR'S CASE IF EMBASSY INDICATED IT WAS INTERESTED IN OUTCOME. HE WANTED FAVOURABLE LETTER FROM CONSUL OR PLACEMENT OF TELEPHONE CALL TO ATTORNEY. HE WAS INFORMED THAT IN ABSENCE FURTHER INFORMATION (E.G., MAKHLOUF'S RELATIONSHIP TO STARR, RECENT EXCHANGES BETWEEN STARR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE AND GOI, IDENTITY OF LOCAL ATTORNEY MENTIONED BY MAKHLOUF) EMBASSY WAS NOT IN POSITION TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTION ON BEHALF OF STARR CLAIM. EMBASSY COULD, OF COURSE, PROVIDE LIST OF ATTORNEYS.

2. MAKHLOUF AVOWED THAT STARR HAD FERVENTLY APOLOGIZED IN WRITING TO LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR HIS SCURRILUS COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PAST AND THAT HIS APOLOGIES HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. HE ADDED THAT THE LOCAL ATTORNEY WAS SURE HE COULD SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE THE CASE IF HE HAD THE EMBASSY'S SUPPORT AND INTEREST. SINCE CONSUL DID NOT PROVIDE THE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE, MAKHLOUF SPECULATED ON EMBASSY'S REACTION IF THE

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CASE WAS PURSUED IN A US FEDERAL COURT. HE WAS ADVISED IT

DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW FEDERAL COURT LIKELY ISSUE ORDER INVOLVING
ACTION AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

3. MAKHLOUF WAS PLEASANT AT ALL TIMES. HE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT
AN ATTORNEY BUT HE WAS DELIBERATELY VAGUE IN RESPONDING TO
QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH STARR. HIS CALLING
CARD MERELY STATES QUOTE AMMAN PUBLIC RELATIONS, N.V.,
INTERNATIONAL UNQUOTE. WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS IN THE IMPORT-
EXPORT BUSINESS HE VAGUELY REPLIED SOMETHING LIKE THAT. HE
CLAIMED HE WAS REPRESENTING STARR ONLY AS A FREIND SINCE
HE HAPPENED TO BE VISITING THE AREA. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER
WE HEAR MORE OF STARR AND MAKHLOUF IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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